

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Norifumi SHUKUNAMI, et al.

Serial No. 10/824,576

Group Art Unit: 3663

Confirmation No. 6562

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Examiner: HUGHES, DEANDRA M

For: OPTICAL AMPLIFIER AND CONTROL METHOD FOR OPTICAL AMPLIFIER

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 31, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on April 30, 2006. A Petition for a Three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to July 31, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.